



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts ! Now that the number of calls from hurricane evacuees has slowed down, our office has returned to the many tasks that were postponed in an effort to assist those in greater need.

We experienced a great response to our recent "Conversations with OFBCI". This week we visited Franklin, Brownsburg, Anderson and Indianapolis and had the opportunity to visit with almost 200 people about our office and the services we offer. We were particularly encouraged by the enthusiasm and interest in AmeriCorps programs.

Additionally, I attended a Prayer Breakfast in Lafayette Indiana and a Community Impact Forum that immediately followed the breakfast. All of these events this week have emphasized the importance of the work we are doing by connecting community-based and faith-based organizations to state government services. Many of the issues raised at the Community Impact Forum and the "Conversations with OFBCI" were similar in content and most could be addressed with programs and services from several state agencies. Our job at OFBCI is to make that connection and help find solutions to the problems presented. We look forward to a continued enthusiastic response from the rest of the state as we hold "conversations" in the northern tier in coming weeks.

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AMERICORPS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AVAILABLE

Last year, the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI), through the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV) provided \$1,705,659 in AmeriCorps funding for Indiana. We expect to match that amount (pending federal legislation) for new and existing AmeriCorps programs to begin in September 2006 for a 15-month program cycle.

BRING AMERICORPS TO YOUR COMMUNITY

The OFBCI, through the ICCSV, is beginning the process of selecting local programs for submission to the Corporation for National Service for 2006-2007 AmeriCorps funding. We invite high quality community service program proposals for consideration. We have condensed the most vital information regarding the structure and goals of successful AmeriCorps programs.

This information may help you determine if AmeriCorps members would be a valuable resource for helping you achieve your goals. This is meant only as an informal self-assessment tool and should not preclude any organization from reviewing the full application or from submitting a formal proposal.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, school districts, tribes and state and local governments are eligible to apply for AmeriCorps funds through the Indiana Commission.

HOW DO I GET AN APPLICATION?

Applications are available on line at www.ofbci.in.gov. Please download the AmeriCorps application, instructions and the Notice of Funding Opportunity and the Corporation Rules documents.

NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM OFFICER POSITION AVAILABLE

The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI), located in Indianapolis, Indiana, is a highly visible Executive-level State agency focused on building and sustaining the capacity of faith, community, and volunteer organizations in Indiana. OFBCI seeks a qualified, motivated, committed, and passionate candidate for the position of National Service Program Officer.

The incumbent must demonstrate the following:

- considerable knowledge of non-profit practices and processes
- logic-model program development
- excellent oral communication and technical writing skills

a college degree, or its equivalent, with two (2) to four (4) years experience in community problem-solving and capacity building. An M.P.A. is preferred.

Responsibilities are assigned by the Deputy Director and include, but are not limited to, grants management, proposal development, program implementation and evaluation. The position requires both in-state and out-of-state travel. The applicant should exhibit flexibility and a willingness to perform the designated duties as needed.

Interest applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and three references via email to Cecelia Johnson-Powell, Deputy Director, Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, cjpowell@ofbci.IN.gov by October 29, 2005.

Third Annual Service Leaders Summit

Senator Bayh will host his third annual Service Leaders Summit on Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m to highlight the outstanding community service being performed by Indiana's youth. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a number of activities, including talking with inspirational Hoosiers who have dedicated their lives to volunteering and taking part in a community service project with other students from across Indiana.

Every Indiana high school is welcome to select two Service Leaders; students should submit a registration form, photo, and 500 word essay on their past service experiences and what it has meant to them and their community.

Please contact Senator Bayh's office for more information at 317-554-0750 or fax your registration to Monica Swintz at 317-554-0760.

CONVERSATIONS WITH OFBCI

October 11, 2005, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Porter County United Way, Valparaiso, Indiana
October 11, 2005, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Dunebrook, Michigan City, Indiana

October 12, 2005, 9:00-10:30 a.m., East Chicago Public Library, East Chicago, Indiana